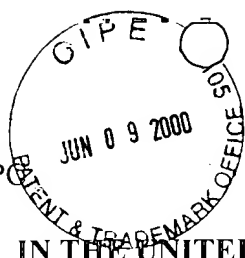


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing seven (7) references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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